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WORLD MEAT PRODUCTION

ROSE 2 PERCENT IN 1961

Meat production in 41 leading countries set a new record reflecting the over-all increase in world livestock numbers.

Output in the 41 countries, which produce the major portion of the world's meat supply, totaled 102 billion pounds in 1961. This was about 2 percent more than a year earlier and 26 percent above the 1951-55 average.

The gain in meat production in 1962 did not equal the population increase. However, the rise in meat production since 1951 has more than equaled population growth and per capita meat consumption has increased in most countries.

World numbers for cattle, hogs and sheep were higher on January 1, 1962 than on January 1, 1961. Therefore, a further rise in meat production in the 41 countries is expected during 1962 but all major countries may not show gains.

During 1961 meat production in each of 11 reporting countries exceeded 2.5 billion pounds. Production in the 11 countries accounted for 77 percent of the total output in the 41 countries. All 11 countries produced more than the 1951-55 average. Two countries--the United States and the U.S.S.R.--exceeded 42 billion pounds and accounted for about 41 percent of the total. Three countries--West Germany, France and Argentina--each produced more than 5 billion pounds. Six countries--the United Kingdom, Brazil, Australia, Poland, Italy, and Canada--each produced more than 2.5 billion.

This Circular contains more detailed information than the summary of similar title published in the monthly supplement issue of Foreign Crops and Markets, June 28, 1962.

Rank of countries of the world in production of meats, 1961
(Excluding Communist China)

Rank	Beef and veal	Production Mil. lbs.
1	United States	16,341
2	U. S. S. R.	5,090
3	Argentina	4,409
4	France	3,318
5	Brazil	2,967
6	Rep. of Germany	2,279
7	United Kingdom	2,018
8	Australia	1,609
9	Italy	1,509
10	Canada	1,450

Rank	Pork	Production Mil. lbs.
1	United States	11,412
2	U. S. S. R.	6,370
3	Rep. of Germany	3,649
4	France	2,087
5	Poland	---
6	United Kingdom	1,534
7	Denmark	1,354
8	Italy	1,074
9	Brazil	1,056
10	Canada	1,024

Rank	Lamb, mutton goatmeat	Production Mil. lbs.
1	U. S. S. R.	2,040
2	Australia	1,292
3	New Zealand	1,054
4	United States	832
5	United Kingdom	592
6	Argentina	399
7	France	287
8	Turkey	275
9	Spain	261
10	Rep. of So. Africa	234

Rank	Total meat	Production Mil. lbs.
1	United States	28,208
2	U.S.S.R.	13,900
3	Rep. of Germany	6,010
4	France	5,921
5	Argentina	5,117
6	United Kingdom	4,144
7	Brazil	4,111
8	Australia	3,152
9	Poland	---
10	Italy	2,774

Compared with a year earlier 1961 production increased in 9 of the major producing countries--the United States, West Germany, France, Argentina, the United Kingdom, Australia, Poland, Italy and Canada. Meat output in the U.S.S.R. is estimated to have dropped slightly to about 14 billion pounds, while production in Brazil was almost equal to the previous year.

Estimates for Communist China are not included in this summary although China is probably the world's third largest meat producer. A large part of China's production is pork. Output in China reached high levels in 1959 and 1960, but dropped sharply in 1961. Reports indicate a large number of hogs were slaughtered but average slaughter weights were very low.

Relatively large increases in production were recorded in 1961 in Colombia, Portugal, Greece and Japan. Substantial decreases occurred in Uruguay and Cuba.

Output of beef and veal in the 41 countries in 1961 was 3 percent greater than a year earlier and 25 percent above average. Production in each of the 10 largest producing countries--the United States, U.S.S.R., Argentina, France, Brazil, Western Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia, Italy, and Canada--was above the average. Compared with 1960 production declined in only 2 of the major producing countries, the U.S.S.R. and Brazil; in the other 8 important producing countries increases ranged from 3 percent for the United States to 19 percent for Italy. Production in most of the 10 leading countries is expected to rise during 1962.

Pork production in the 41 countries totaled 40.8 billion pounds in 1961, about 1 percent higher than a year earlier, but 26 percent above the 1951-55 average. Record production in major pork producing countries of Western Europe was offset by decreases in the United States and Canada. Output in each of the 10 leading countries was above average ranging from 6 percent in the United States to 66 percent in the U.S.S.R. Production in Western Germany, France, Poland, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Brazil and the Soviet Union was higher in 1961 than in 1960. The United States, Canada and Italy recorded slight declines.

Pork output in 1962 is expected to increase in most of the 10 leading countries which produced about 77 percent of the total for the 41 countries in 1961.

Production of lamb, mutton, and goat meat in the 41 countries amounted to 8.6 billion pounds in 1961--2 percent more than in 1960 and 37 percent above the 1951-55 average. Argentina was the only country of the leading 10 producers where 1961 output was below the average. Production in Australia, the U.S.S.R., New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Turkey, and Spain was at least 36 percent above average. Output in the United States, France, and the Republic of South Africa ranged from 16 to 23 percent above average. Argentina and Spain were the only countries of the major 10 where production in 1961 dropped below 1960 levels. In France and the Republic of South Africa 1961 production showed little change from 1960.

Lamb and mutton production will probably increase again in 1962. Increased production is expected in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Argentina and should offset expected decreases in the United States and the U.S.S.R.

In this report total meat production includes the carcass weight of beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton and goat meat in all countries. Horsemeat and buffalo are included in countries where important. Pork production excludes the raw weight of fats rendered for lard. Slaughter estimates for each country include slaughter of both imported and indigenous animals.

MEAT 1/: Production in 41 countries, average 1951-55, annual 1960 and 1961

Continent and country	Beef and veal					Pork 2/				
	Average 1951-55	1960	1961 3/	Change 1961 / 1951-55	Change 1961 / 1960	Average 1951-55	1960	1961 3/	Change 1961 / 1951-55	Change 1961 / 1960
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent
North America:										
Canada	1,085	1,387	1,450	+34	+5	879	1,033	1,024	+16	-1
Mexico	781	907	940	+20	+4	311	404	421	+35	+4
United States	12,885	15,835	16,341	+27	+3	10,775	11,605	11,412	+6	-2
Cuba	379	---	---	---	---	83	---	---		
South America:										
Argentina	4,142	4,189	4,409	+6	+5	326	384	309	-5	-20
Brazil	2,477	2,986	2,967	+20	-1	872	1,045	1,056	+21	+1
Chile	228	333	331	+45	-1	55	58	58	+5	---
Colombia	606	677	708	+17	+5	104	117	122	+17	+4
Paraguay	187	199	198	+6	-1	---	---	---	---	---
Uruguay	650	709	596	-8	-16	43	49	53	+23	+8
Europe:										
Western:										
Austria 4/	243	290	287	+18	-1	390	471	486	+25	+3
Belgium-Luxembourg	375	463	453	+21	-2	458	502	499	+9	-1
Denmark	273	337	332	+22	-1	958	1,320	1,354	+41	+3
Finland	114	149	142	+25	-5	125	112	130	+4	+16
France	2,615	3,009	3,318	+27	+10	1,771	2,073	2,087	+18	+1
Germany, West	1,617	2,200	2,279	+41	+4	2,951	3,479	3,649	+24	+5
Greece	31	53	67	+116	+26	44	51	61	+39	+20
Ireland	185	247	280	+51	+13	175	207	219	+25	+6
Italy	790	1,268	1,509	+91	+19	764	1,085	1,074	+41	-1
Netherlands	411	535	529	+29	-1	634	959	890	+40	-7
Norway	103	117	128	+24	+9	91	158	162	+78	+3
Portugal	76	95	95	+25	---	207	154	193	-7	+25
Spain 5/	272	352	358	+32	+2	390	568	562	+44	-1
Sweden	292	288	286	-2	-1	393	485	477	+21	-2
Switzerland	206	221	236	+15	+7	210	291	301	+43	+3
United Kingdom	1,481	1,836	2,018	+36	+10	1,231	1,451	1,534	+25	+6
Eastern:										
Bulgaria	129	125	---	---	---	170	240	---	---	---
Czechoslovakia	361	476	---	---	---	476	682	---	---	---
Germany, East	290	415	---	---	---	918	820	---	---	---
Hungary	168	291	---	---	---	544	605	---	---	---
Poland	449	736	---	---	---	1,315	1,889	---	---	---
Yugoslavia	204	344	---	---	---	365	595	---	---	---
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	3,975	5,261	5,090	+28	-3	3,650	6,253	6,370	+74	+2
Africa:										
U. A. R. Egypt	345	364	395	+14	+9	3	5	5	+67	---
South Africa, Republic of	678	762	774	+14	+2	136	113	122	-10	+8
Asia:										
Japan	217	314	316	+46	+1	165	325	469	+184	+44
Philippines	75	116	---	---	---	218	338	352	+61	+4
Turkey	145	205	211	+46	+3	---	---	---	---	---
Oceania:										
Australia	1,531	1,509	1,609	+5	+7	6/ 199	6/ 236	6/ 251	+26	+6
New Zealand	444	524	555	+25	+6	89	88	88	-1	---
Total 41 countries	41,515	7/50,499	7/51,999	+25	+3	32,488	7/40,329	7/40,823	+26	+1

1/ For calendar years -- carcass weight basis: Beef and veal, pork, mutton, lamb, and goat meat; horsemeat is included in the total meat figure for Japan, Philippines, and Western and Eastern Europe. Excludes variety, rabbit, and poultry meat. 2/ Figures for Canada, United States, and Eastern Europe, which excludes lard and rendered pork fat, are not comparable to those for some other countries which exclude only commercial lard. 3/ Preliminary.

MEAT 1/: Production in 41 countries, average 1951-55, annual 1960 and 1961
(continued)

Continent and country	Mutton, lamb, and goatmeat: Average 1951-55	1960	1961 3/	Change: 1961 / 1951-55	Change: 1961 / 1960	Total meat production: Average 1951-55	1960	1961 3/	Change: 1961 / 1951-55	Change: 1961 / 1960
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent
North America:										
Canada	30	36	38	+27	+6	1,994	2,456	2,512	+26	+2
Mexico	120	114	122	+2	+7	1,212	1,425	1,483	+22	+4
United States	678	768	832	+23	+8	24,338	28,208	28,585	+17	+1
Cuba	2	---	---	---	---	464	---	---	---	---
South America:										
Argentina	416	416	399	-4	-4	4,884	4,989	5,117	-5	+3
Brazil	81	86	88	+9	+2	3,430	4,117	4,111	+20	---
Chile	58	62	63	+9	+2	341	453	452	+33	---
Colombia	4	4	4	---	---	714	798	834	+17	+5
Paraguay	---	---	---	---	---	187	199	198	+6	-1
Uruguay	133	108	100	-25	-7	826	866	749	-9	-14
Europe:										
Western:										
Austria 4/	4	3	3	-25	---	649	778	791	+22	+2
Belgium-Luxembourg	6	5	4	-33	-20	890	1,012	990	+11	-2
Denmark	2	3	3	+50	---	1,247	1,675	1,711	+37	+2
Finland	12	5	5	-58	---	261	274	285	+9	+4
France	239	287	287	+20	---	4,810	5,598	5,921	+23	+6
Germany, West	44	42	42	-5	---	4,681	5,770	6,010	+28	+4
Greece	113	150	184	+63	+23	188	254	312	+66	+23
Ireland	45	88	79	+76	-10	405	542	578	+43	+7
Italy	108	87	85	-21	-2	1,725	2,531	2,774	+61	+10
Netherlands	14	21	16	+14	-24	1,086	1,551	1,466	+35	-5
Norway	36	41	41	+14	---	235	321	336	+43	+5
Portugal	41	37	51	+24	+38	326	291	345	+6	+19
Spain 5/	192	268	261	+36	-3	872	1,221	1,214	+39	-1
Sweden	4	3	3	-25	---	715	794	783	+10	-1
Switzerland	7	7	7	---	---	431	530	555	+29	+5
United Kingdom	376	501	592	+57	+18	3,088	3,788	4,144	+34	+9
Eastern:										
Bulgaria	97	115	---	---	---	396	480	---	---	---
Czechoslovakia	19	23	---	---	---	868	1,188	---	---	---
Germany, East	---	---	---	---	---	1,210	1,236	---	---	---
Hungary	15	14	---	---	---	737	973	---	---	---
Poland	31	61	---	---	---	1,839	2,745	---	---	---
Yugoslavia	104	165	---	---	---	690	1,120	---	---	---
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	1,210	2,035	2,040	+68	---	9,075	13,949	13,900	+53	---
Africa:										
U. A. R. Egypt	76	49	49	-36	---	424	418	449	+6	+7
South Africa, Republic of	201	235	234	+16	---	1,015	1,110	1,130	+11	+2
Asia:										
Japan	7	19	15	+114	-21	433	709	851	+97	+20
Philippines	4	4	---	---	---	299	462	---	---	---
Turkey	186	268	275	+48	+3	331	473	486	+47	+3
Oceania:										
Australia	792	1,250	1,292	+63	+3	2,522	2,995	3,152	+25	+5
New Zealand	760	1,038	1,054	+39	+2	1,293	1,650	1,697	+31	+3
Total 41 countries	6,267	7/8,421	7/8,666	+38	+3	81,131	7/100,406	7/102,654	+26	+2

4/ Includes variety meats. 5/ Spanish official figures stated to include total slaughter but believed not to be complete, particularly in pork, mutton, lamb, and goatmeat. 6/ Includes an allowance for trimming from bacon carcasses.
7/ Includes estimates for non-reporting countries.

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